RCE/3732 **PATENT** Intellectual Property Counsel 55288US0020UEST Impovative Properties Company Case No.: Box 33427 St. Paul, Minnesota 55133-3427 651/733-1500 2/12/02 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Box RCE Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 Peterson. Dale D. First Named Inventor: Application No. 09/466947 Group Art Unit: 3732 December 20, 1999 Filed: Examiner: Lewis, R. Title: ARTICLE WITH LASER ENGRAVED IDENTIFICATION MARK This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on i. **TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700** (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Other \boxtimes **Enclosed** b. Amendment/Reply Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS iii. Other iv. 2. A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.) The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to: Deposit Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this letter for fees processing is enclosed. RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) i. ii. Other Respectfully submitted. Telephone No.: Reg. No.: Signature 31,492 651-733-1512 December 2, 2002 James D. Christoff Certificate of Mailing or Transmission I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231, or

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